



A Message from the U.S. Census Bureau:

We need your help completing the **2017 Economic Census**. The Economic Census is the foundation for most measures of the Nation's economy, including the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. This comprehensive data is collected from you only once every five years. The information provides reliable data for your community and industry for governments and businesses to evaluate markets, prepare business plans, make business decisions, develop economic models, and conduct research.

Website:

Authentication Code:

Due Date:

Contact:

1. **Sign in OR register** at the website above.
2. **Add** your authentication code.
3. **Report** by clicking on "REPORT NOW." You can return to your account over multiple sessions to complete the survey.

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW and will be kept strictly **CONFIDENTIAL**. We estimate each survey will take on average between 42 minutes and 5 hours 36 minutes to complete, depending on your principal industry classification and business activity. Additional information about the authority, confidentiality, and burden of this data collection can be found on the back of this letter.

For assistance with completing this survey, please sign into your Census Bureau account or call our customer help line at 1-800-233-6136, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people, places, and economy. Your response makes a difference.

Sincerely,

Ron S. Jarmin
Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions
and Duties of the Director

OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0998 for the 2017 Economic Census, 0607-0937 for the Economic Census of Island Areas, and 0607-0444 for the Report of Organization. These numbers appear in the upper right corner of each reporting screen. Without these approvals, we could not conduct these surveys.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13, United States Code, authorizes this collection (Section 131 authorizes the 2017 Economic Census, Sections 131 and 191 authorize the Economic Census of Island Areas, and Sections 131 and 182 authorize the Report of Organization). Section 224 requires your response. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by Section 9 of Title 13 to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your business, organization, or institution. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate each 2017 Economic Census survey will take on average between 42 minutes and 5 hours 36 minutes to complete, depending on your principal industry classification and business activity, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

We estimate each Economic Census of Island Areas survey will take an average of 60 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

We estimate each Report of Organization survey will take an average of 24 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.